

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAUL "RED" FAY

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, last week the Bay Area lost a fourth-generation San Franciscan and a proud American, Paul "Red" Fay.

Over his long life, Red was a devoted public servant, a successful entrepreneur, and a noted philanthropist. Above all, Red was a much-beloved friend to many. He was a man of great humor and an indefatigably good spirit.

Red became a close confidant of President Kennedy when they served together in the Navy during World War II. He worked on all of the President's political campaigns, and was an usher at the President's wedding. He was proud to serve as Undersecretary of the Navy in the Kennedy Administration. Their friendship lasted until President Kennedy's death.

Red was a successful entrepreneur, leading the Fay Improvement Co., his family-owned contracting business and a successful investment firm.

Mr. Fay was a generous supporter of many worthy causes. Proud of his Irish heritage, he was a champion of the American Ireland Fund. He donated his time to the Robert Odell Foundation and the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation. But the cause he devoted the most to was Youth Tennis Advantage, which helped teach underprivileged children the game of tennis that Red enjoyed so much.

Red is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Anita, his three children, Paul, Katherine and Sally, and seven grandchildren. I hope it is a comfort to them that so many people are mourning their loss and praying for them at this sad time.

**SICKLE CELL DISEASE  
AWARENESS MONTH**

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 186 to recognize the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.

As we all know, sickle cell disease is a genetic blood disorder that affects tens of thousands of individuals here in the United States and countless others across the globe. Within our country, it is particularly prevalent in the African-American community, and I believe we must continue to fight and research this disease in order to create a happier and healthier life for those who suffer from it, both at home and abroad.

In my district in Dallas, we are doing extraordinary things to combat sickle cell disease. At the UT Southwestern Medical Center, we have one of the leading research groups that studies this disease, and in recent years they have accomplished numerous breakthroughs in sickle cell research. Under the leadership of Dr. George Buchanan, the Sickle Cell Center has recently published an important paper which clarifies how to predict the severity of sickle cell disease in young people much more accurately than previously accepted predictors. Additionally, the center has developed a clinic that caters specifically to adult patients who are now living with the disease well into adulthood. These advances in sickle cell research are crucial blocks in the foundation of our understanding of this painful and destructive disease.

I applaud the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month, and I encourage my colleagues to join me and support this resolution to educate people about the need for early detection methods, effective treatments, and research funding for sickle cell disease.

**HONORING SHERIFF BILL  
KOLENDER**

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bill Kolender, a distinguished public servant, lifelong law enforcement official and well-respected and recently retired Sheriff of San Diego County.

After growing up in Chicago, Bill Kolender found his way to San Diego. In 1964, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Affairs and Public Administration from San Diego State University, which wisely honored him as its outstanding alumnus in 1985. It was one of many well-deserved awards he received during his 13 years of service as Chief of Police for the San Diego Police Department.

Although he retired from the San Diego Police Department in 1988, Bill Kolender remained in the public eye and continued to serve the public good. In 1991, Governor Pete Wilson appointed Bill to serve as Director of the California Youth Authority (CYA), the largest youth correctional agency in the nation. I remember hearing him speak eloquently of the young people whose lives he touched and how engaged he was in their rehabilitation.

His passion for public safety remained strong and his commitment to San Diego never faltered. Before long, Bill decided to run for sheriff. He was elected by the people of San Diego County to serve as their 28th Sheriff, a position he assumed in 1995. He was re-elected three times.

Serving as Sheriff of San Diego County is no small task. His responsibilities were many. As Sheriff, Bill led over 4,000 employees, oversaw a \$500 million budget, and success-

fully operated 7 detention facilities and 11 court facilities. He led by example and administered justice in a firm, but fair, manner. He never sought to exploit a situation or to use another's tragedy to promote a personal agenda. Instead, he worked tirelessly to protect the people of San Diego.

As Sheriff, Bill served as the de facto police chief for 9 of the 18 cities in San Diego County that contracted the services of his office. Bill Kolender was, in short, the chief law enforcement officer for much of San Diego County. It was here, in law enforcement, that he truly shined. When Bill retired earlier this year, crime in San Diego County was at a 25-year low. Across the board and across the county, San Diego is safer thanks to Bill Kolender. In nearly every category, and in nearly every city, crime is down.

As a former police chief, Bill understood that criminals do not respect city boundaries. By working cooperatively, Sheriff Kolender brought together leaders of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to create multi-jurisdictional task forces that successfully shared information and strategies to fight crime and to reduce it.

Those who understand this issue—whether they serve in public safety, in elected office or in academics—credit Bill Kolender for ushering in an era of cooperation between law enforcement agencies across the county. Bill Kolender was the leader who brought these different agencies together to make all of San Diego safer.

I am not the first to honor Sheriff Bill Kolender, and I will not be the last. But I am proud to add my voice to the chorus of those singing his praises because the accolades are well deserved. Thanks to Bill Kolender, San Diego is not only America's finest city, it is one of America's safest cities.

**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, as Vice-Chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, I am working to ensure that our country and communities have the resources they need to respond to all types of disasters.

I was happy to see that Secretary of Homeland Security Napolitano designated September as National Preparedness Month, and that the Department of Homeland Security is offering resources and classes to ensure our citizens are prepared to handle disasters.

In classrooms and at community events around the country, Americans are learning how to prepare their family for potential disasters.

In California, this type of outreach and education has become especially critical for ensuring that our citizens are able to stay safe

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